

They Are Not The Boss



I am a cat. This is my home.

A girl sits on the rug. She sketches my fur and my whiskers. People think this is their home and I am their pet. They are wrong.



People think a big tub is the best spot to get clean. They are wrong. I lick my fur and I am clean. No tub for me. The dog is muddy and full of dirt. He **squirms** and splashes in the tub.





The best place to
nap is on a lap. I
curl up, and the
kids pat my soft
fur.

They think they are
kind to me. Well, I
like it in this home.

Every morning, Mum
hands the kids their
backpacks. She waves
at the gate, and one kid
turns and waves back.

Then the home is all
mine. I stretch on the
ledge over the porch
and plan my time.



A pest darts over the tiles
with a scrap. I lurk at the
corner. I do not **stir** one
whisker. People think a pest
is fast. Well, I am faster.
No pest can get past me.



I spring up on the wall and grip the edge. Bugs squirm under the plants, and birds chirp on the branch. This yard is all mine. It is never dull in my yard.



I bring a pest in and set it by the sill. Mum gasps in shock. 'A pest!' she blurts. A kid smirks behind her. Mum thinks pests are bad. She is wrong. This is my home.



A kid mocks me on
the path. He pulls a
rude face at me.

My fur stands up,
and I show my
fangs. He thinks he
can be mean
because he is big.
He is wrong.





I have a plan. I will
turn into a huge
tiger with big sharp
fangs. Then I will
march up to that
mean kid. He will
not mock me then.

It is dark. Cats sit on the sill and look in the glass. They think the yard is the best place. They are wrong.

I curl up snug on the bed by my kid. I like my home, and I like my pet kids. Nothing can change that.





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A cat rules this house, no matter what the people think. When a girl sketches its fur, when a dog squirms in the tub, when a mischievous pest sneaks across the tiles, this clever cat always has a plan. But when the mean kid next door pulls a face and smirks, will this cat finally show him who's really the boss around here? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 81: ir, ur /er/), this book practises words like 'fur', 'curl', 'chirp', 'smirks', 'turn'.

Phonics Focus: ir, ur /er/

birds, blurts, chirp, curl, dirt, fur, girl, lurk, smirks, squirm, squirms, stir, turn, turns

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